

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 18, 2012

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, June 18, 2012 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2012 meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

Chuck Kemker, EMA Director, reported on the quarterly courthouse drill. Kemker thanked the Rush County Sheriff department, Rushville Post Office that assisted with the drill.

It was reported that the EMA Advisory board met with discussion to place the EMA Director as a full time effective January 1, 2013. The position is now back on schedule to receive 50% reimbursement for the salary. Ken Masters made motion recommending that EMA Director Chuck Kemker become a full time position as of January 1, 2013. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AREA PLAN

Nothing to report

SURVEYOR

Nothing to report

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-four (44) inmates currently incarcerated in the Rush County jail.

Sherwood reported on the meeting with the City of Rushville concerning a possible inter-local agreement of the Animal Shelter.

- The current city budget is \$85,000.00.
- 58% of the animals occupying the Animal Shelter are from the county.
- The county currently provides a subsidy of \$15,000.00 along with a part time animal warden who covers the county in a county vehicle.

Tom Barnes shared his concerns that the felt that the county was not doing their fair share.

The new four (4) year inter-local agreement will allow:

- The county will turn over the county owned truck to the city to utilized for animal control.
- The city will provide animal control coverage to the whole county
- The county will continue to provide the \$15,000.00 subsidy in addition to \$6,000.00 more from the commissioner's budge for the 2012 budget year.
- The county will agree upon \$27,000.00 to \$30,000.00 for the 2013 budget year.

Ken Masters made the motion to proceed with the inter-local agreement. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, received approval of a temporary ROW of the Carthage Pike project. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the temporary ROW of John Price on the Carthage Pike. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marvin Cole made the motion to sign the inventory contract thru INDOT for the road signs. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. The cost is \$53,917.41 and the state will pay their portion of \$45,000.00.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims for the payroll ending June 22, 2012 on a motion by Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bi-weekly claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adams noted that the RMH ambulance spring payment along with the spring payment to the various county supported organizations is included in these claims.

Adams reported that the County Treasurer Tax Sale has been scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

The tax collections checks have been distributed and released on June 14, 2012 to all taxing units.

Departments are currently preparing their 2013 budgets. Adams asked for the commissioner's salary recommendations as required by the state. Ken Masters made the motion to recommend a 2% salary increase. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Letters of appointments for the 2012 Rush County Board of Revue for the Business Tangible Personal Property Assessment were received from:

- Mabel Berkemeier, Republican representative
- Anna Karen Pennington, Democrat representative

Ken Masters made the motion to appoint Mabel Berkemeier and Anna Karen Pennington to the board of review. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW EMPLOYEE POLICY

Ken Masters made the motion that from this day forward, any rehiring of a position or the hiring of a new employee shall first require the approval of the Commissioner's and the Council. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. The new policy is effective today June 18, 2012. The auditor will send a notice to all office holders and department heads.

RUSH MEMORIAL BOARD APPOINTMENT

Tom Barnes reported that their appointment to the hospital board, Linda Levi, has submitted a letter of resignation. The letter of resignation is effective December 31, 2012. Ken Masters made the motion to accept the letter. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The position will be advertised up thru August 13 and will be interviewed by the commissioners. Leigh Morning asked if there will be a committee for the interview process. The answer was, no.

EMS

EMS run reports were received and reviewed from Carthage Volunteer Fire Department and Rush Memorial Ambulance Service

MISC.

- Approved the renewing of 60th wedding anniversary vows for Rachel and Ben Bockstege at the Moscow Bridge in July on a motion by Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jeff Sherwood will be present during the half hour that the bridge is closed.
- Spyglass Agreement – Ken Masters made the motion to table the proposed agreement. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Blue River Community Harvest Food Pantry 5K/Walk Run – Saturday, July 21, 8:00 – 10:00 Marvin Cole made the motion to give Kathy Gibson the approval of the 5K/Walk Run. Ken Master seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Monthly report was reviewed.

Motion to adjourn was received from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>/s/Tom Barnes</u>	<u>/s/Marvin Cole</u>	<u>/s/Ken Masters</u>
Tom Barnes, Chairman	Marvin Cole	Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor